

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

1. Claims 3, 4, 10-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
2. Claims 1, 2, and 5-9 are allowed.
3. Claims 11, 14, 15 and 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

Objections to Drawings

The drawings were objected to for various minor omissions. New FIGS. 1-3 are attached with this amendment. The new drawings include corrections, as required by the Examiner.

Objections to Specifications

The specifications were objected to for various minor omissions. This amendment is intended to correct the omissions, as required by the Examiner.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejects claims 3, 4, 10-20 under § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has corrected claim 3 as required. Claim 4 remains unamended. The Examiner rejected this claim on grounds that "target buffer" has no antecedent basis. However, claim 1, line 10 mentions "a target buffer". Claim 10 has been amended as required to recite "a network protocol". This change also corrects the problems with claims 12 and 13. Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 15886-122).

Respectfully submitted,

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